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## **DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY**

April 3, 2019

Mr. Steven Klein, Esq. University of Vermont Medical Center 111 Colchester Ave. Burlington, VT 05401

RE: Docket No. GMCB-001-19con, Construction of Replacement Building to House Essex Adult Primary Care. Project Cost: \$8,615,297

Dear Steve:

We have reviewed the above-referenced Certificate of Need application submitted on January 11, 2019 by the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMMC).

The application is now closed. The closing of the application begins the Board's statutory review period during which the application will be evaluated against the relevant statutory and regulatory criteria. Since an applicant bears the burden of proving that a project meets these criteria, the Board may contact UVMMC with additional questions or require further submissions during the review period.

On February 1, 2019 the Office of the Health Care Advocate (HCA) filed a Notice of Intervention in this matter. Upon the filing a Notice of Intervention, the HCA is considered an interested party under 18 V.S.A. § 9440(c)(9). However, following its review of the application and UVMMC's responses to questions, the HCA advised the Board that it had no further questions and would waive the public hearing requirement pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9440(c)(5)(C)(i). Individuals or entities have up to five business days following the closure of an application to petition for interested party or amicus curiae status. If no petitions are filed within this time period (by April 10, 2019), the Board will not hold a hearing in this matter and comments from the public and from the HCA will be accepted through April 15, 2019, ten calendar days after the date of this application close letter. Following the conclusion of this comment period, the Board will deliberate and issue a written decision on the application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-828-2918.



## Sincerely,

<u>s/ Donna Jerry</u>Donna JerrySenior Health Policy Analyst

Michael Barber, General Counsel cc. Kaili Kuiper, Office of the Health Care Advocate

